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ADDIS ABABA TEHRAN SANAA AND LONDON FROM JUDDA DATED 25 APR 73
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DHAHRAN FOR GENERAL GOODPASTER

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SUBJ: SAUDI MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YAR

REF: A. STATE 66153; B. STATE 66350; C. JIDDA 1536

1. DURING MEETING WITH MODA PRINCE SULTAN APRIL 24 CINCENUR
GENERAL GOODPASTER EXPRESSED U. S. INTEREST IN WORKING
WITH SAUDI ARABIA TO HELP STRENGTHEN NORTH YEMEN MILIT-
ARILY. HE INFORMED PRINCE THAT YEMENIS' MORAL AND EFFECT-
IVENESS WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT BY EARLY DELIVERIES OF MACHINE
GUNS, TRUCKS OR RIFLES. GENERAL ADDED THAT U. S. WOULD TRY
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TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY TO SAUDI ARMED FORCES REPLACEMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT THEY MIGHT HAVE DISPATCHED TO YEMEN. WE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT PROVISION OF SAUDI ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN WOULD NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL ARRIVAL OF U. S. EQUIPMENT.

2. PRINCE SULTAN REPLIED THAT HIS VIEWS WERE ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH THOSE OF GENERAL GOODPASTER AND THAT THIS HAD INDEED BEEN HIS OWN THINKING FOR ALMOST A YEAR. GENERAL QABBANI HAD RETURNED THAT DAY FROM CHIEFS OF STAFF CONFERENCE IN CAIRO; AROUND MAY 1 HE WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO YEMEN FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK WHERE HE WOULD STUDY YAR'S MILITARY NEEDS. UPON HIS RETURN TO JIDDA, HE WOULD REVIEW HIS FINDINGS WITH USMTM OFFICERS, AND MODA WOULD THEN SEE WHAT EQUIPMENT IT HAD IN STOCK WHOSE SHIPMENT COULD BE EXPEDITED TO YEMEN.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY GENERAL GOODPASTER WHETHER MODA POSSESSED SUFFICIENT TRAINING CAPABILITIES TO INSTRUCT YEMENIS IN 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE OR WHETHER SOME ADDITIONAL U. S. TRAINING OF MODA PERSONNEL (WHO WOULD THEN TRAIN YEMENIS) WAS NEEDED. SULTAN MERELY REPLIED THAT MODA WOULD TRAIN TO LIMIT OF ITS CAPABILITY, AND IF IT FOUND THAT THIS INSUFFICIENT, WOULD TURN, AS GENERAL GOODPASTER HAD SUGGESTED, TO USMTM. HORAN

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